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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Project Title:

Solar Energy Research Center, SCH# 2010052040

Lead Agency:

University of California

Location:

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

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County:

Alameda County

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Project Description: The SERC project consists of a laboratory facility with a research focus on developing fuels from sunlight, water, and atmospheric carbon dioxide. The proposed project includes the following components: construction of an approximately 40,000 gross-square-foot building, reconfiguration of approximately 200 linear feet of service road, reconfiguration of existing parking, and occupation and research operations.

The proposed building would be a three-story facility and would accommodate approximately 60 employees; about 50 are expected to be current LBNL or UC Berkeley personnel and about 10 would be new hires. Project construction is anticipated to occur over a two-year period beginning in mid 2011 and continuing through mid 2013. The SERC building is designed to meet UC Policy on Sustainable Practices with a goal of achieving a LEED Gold rating.

Environmental Review: The University of California is the Lead Agency and has completed a SERC project Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and the University of California Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. The Final EIR includes documentation of any changes made to the Draft EIR, all comments received on the Draft EIR during the review period, and the corresponding responses to each of those comments. The Final EIR will be considered for certification by The Regents of the University of California at the January 18-20, 2011 Regents' meeting, to be held at UC San Diego.

A copy of this Notice of Availability (NOA) and the above referenced Final EIR have been placed on the following website: http://www.lbl.gov/Community/SERC/documents/index.html In addition, a copy of the Final EIR is available in the Berkeley Public Library at 2090 Kittredge Street, Berkeley, California.

If you have any questions regarding this NOA, please contact Jeff Philliber at the above address or via email at planning@lbl.gov.

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